

7 MAR 1961

Mr. Nicholas Kelley, President
National Civil Service League
315 Fifth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Nick:

I am delighted to get the good news that Sherman Kent has been selected to receive one of the ten 1961 Career Service Awards of the National Civil Service League.

Much as I would like to be with you for dinner, I have a previous engagement for dinner with Secretary McNamara on that date and, therefore, will be unable to accept your invitation. However, I understand the League is planning a reception from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and I thought perhaps that I might join you at that time.

Although I am honored by your invitation for me to become a member of the Washington Sponsorship Committee for the Awards Banquet, I regret that I will be unable to take part in this movement. In view of my present official position, I have followed a firm policy of declining participation in non-governmental committees.

As you can appreciate, we do not take part in publicity and banquet promotion matters but we will, of course, be very glad to furnish you with any additional information on Dr. Kent. Colonel Stanley J. Grogan, one of my assistants, will work with you on this.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dallas
Director

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